

CRB Portability

Portability refers to the re-use of a CRB check, obtained for a position in one organisation and later used for another position in another organisation.

Are CRB checks portable?

The CRB does **not** support portability. Organisations that choose to accept a previously issued CRB check do so at their own risk.

What are the limitations of portability?

- The CRB check may not be at the level you require
- The CRB check may not have included a check of Barred Lists.
- A Disclosure carries no formal period of validity
- Information on the Disclosure may not be up-to-date
- You may be required by law to carry out a fresh check e.g. care workers need a new CRB check each time they change employment.
- Once a recruitment decision (or other relevant decision – e.g. for regulatory or licensing purposes) has been made, a recipient of a Disclosure must not retain it, or any associated correspondence, for longer than is necessary for the particular purpose. In general, this should be for a maximum of 6 months.

Further information related to the risks of portability are listed in the [Safety Net Information Pack](#)